

REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, Written Description

Claim 86 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph for containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time of the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and incorporate herein the arguments made in the previous Response (dated September 15, 2009) which the Applicants believe are sufficient to overcome the pending rejection.

However, and solely to advance their business interests and without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, the Applicants have amended the pending claim in concert with the Examiner's remarks. The Applications have also added new three dependent claims each specifically directed towards an element of the Markush group of Claim 86. Support for the claim language related to gp120 V3 epitopes can be found at paragraph [0031] and Example No. 1. The HIV gp120 protein is a known HIV coat protein. Support for the claim language related to GnRH epitopes can be found at paragraphs [0054] - [0055] and Example Nos. 3 - 6. Support for the claim language related to growth hormone can be found at paragraphs [0057] - [0059] and Example 7.

The Applicants respectfully request that the pending rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Summary

In light of the above amendment, consideration of the subject patent application and allowance of the claim is respectfully requested. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-4514.

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